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DR. HYDE BLAMED
FOR SWOPE DEATH

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in Famous Case.

HE DECLINES TO TESTIFY

Accused Man Not Present at the
Hearing Despite Request.Attorney for Physician Declares His
Client Will Not Appear—Verdict Is
That Death Resulted from Strych-
nine Poisoning—Stork Expected at
the Home of the Accused Nephew.
Verdict of the Jury in Full.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 9.—Following closely the refusal of Dr. B. Clark Hyde to testify at the inquest over the body of Col. Thomas H. Swope, Kansas City's multi-millionaire, the coroner's jury today returned a verdict charging that Col. Swope's death was due to the contents of the capsule which was administered at the direction of Dr. Hyde and which they declared contained strychnine. The death of Col. Swope, according to the coroner's jury, was due to strychnine poisoning.

At the close of the inquest Dr. Hyde came to Kansas City with his attorneys, with whom he was in conference up until a late hour to-night at the Hyde home, which the stork is expected to visit within a few months. Mrs. Hyde, who has been ill for some weeks, still maintains confidence in her husband.

No Warrant Is Issued.
Prosecuting Attorney Conkling says no warrant will be issued to-night for an arrest for the death of Col. Swope. A determined effort on the part of the coroner and the prosecuting attorney to secure testimony from Dr. Hyde, upon whose shoulders the jury placed the responsibility for Col. Swope's death, came as the climax of to-day's proceedings.

When Coroner Zwart arose and called for Dr. Hyde there was a hush in the court room. It lasted only a second, however, for instead of the physician getting up and going toward the witness chair, his attorney, Frank P. Walsh, announced that his client would not testify. The announcement came as a surprise.

"I must respectfully insist that Dr. Hyde will not testify," said Attorney Walsh. "We have advised him not to take the witness stand under the circumstances."

"I can't help that," replied the coroner. "We want Dr. Hyde. We want Dr. Hyde to take the stand at this inquest to be sworn and testify."

At this point Virgil Conkling, prosecuting attorney, arose and addressed the coroner.

Wants Dr. Hyde's Testimony.

"I have a clipping here from an afternoon newspaper of last Tuesday a week ago," said he, "in which Dr. Hyde made a statement. In view of this he should come."

Coroner Zwart called Mr. Conkling out for a conference. When they returned a minute later the coroner again demanded that Hyde testify.

Walsh again refused to allow his client to go on the stand.

The verdict of the coroner's jury followed. It says:

"We, the coroner's jury, duly summoned, impaneled, and sworn, and charged to diligently inquire into, and true presentment make as to how, by whom, or what means Thomas H. Swope, whose body we have viewed, came to his death, find from the evidence laid before us, and from our knowledge, that said deceased came to his death by strychnine poisoning, and from the evidence we believe said strychnine poison was administered in a capsule at about 8:30 a. m. of the day he died by direction of Dr. B. Clark Hyde, whether with felonious intent we, the jury, are unable to decide."

COMPLETE 37 YEARS' TASK.

Biblical Scholars Finish Marginal
References to New Testament.

London, Feb. 9.—After thirty-seven years' work, the task of compiling full marginal references for the revised New Testament has been completed.

Since the deaths of the original compilers, Dr. Scrivener and Prof. Moulton, the work has been done by Rev. Albert W. Greenup, principal of the London College of Divinity, and MacNeil, professor of Biblical exegesis in that institution, and Rev. Prof. James H. Moulton, professor of Hellenistic Greek and Indo-European philology at Manchester University, who is a son of the late Prof. W. F. Moulton.

Prof. Greenup says he believes that every published commentary on the New Testament has been read, besides many issues of the authorized versions having marginal references, including French, German, Greek, and Hebrew.

\$150,000 IN TEXAS GIFTS.

Mrs. Sage Makes Handsome Contributions to Charity.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 9.—In a three days' journey through Texas, Mrs. Russell Sage, who says she is on her way to California to enjoy a much needed rest, made contributions to charity amounting to something like \$150,000. While these benefactions were not made hastily during the progress of Mrs. Sage's trip across the State, they were not made public until now.

The little town of Uvalde got \$20,000 for an orphan asylum and school, \$25,000 for a hospital fund at El Paso, Brackettville Sanatorium gets \$15,000, a school fund at Boerne, received \$10,000, and a half dozen hospitals and asylums over the State got from \$1,000 to \$3,000 each.

Fashionable Furs.
Ladies' and gents' furs of all sizes in the fashionable skins, at Sloan's, 1407 G st., to-day.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Partly cloudy and colder to-day; tomorrow, fair; brisk westerly winds.

WILL RUN AS INSURGENT.

Secretary Hayward, of National Committee, Opposed to Cannon.
Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 9.—William Hayward, secretary of the Republican National Committee and chairman of the Nebraska committee, will to-morrow announce his candidacy on an insurgent platform for the House from the First Nebraska district, now represented by John A. Maguire, Democrat.

Mr. Hayward says he will oppose the re-election of Speaker Cannon and the amendment of the House rules to the end that the power to legislate may be taken from the few and restored to the many. He says that if the tariff bill does not prove a complete redemption of the party pledge it must be amended.

CONFESSION A FAKE

Navy Department Will Punish
Practical Joker.

BACK TO PORTSMOUTH BRIG

Naval Prisoner Who Concocted the
Story that He Murdered Girl in
Rochester Cemetery Will Lose
Good Behavior Allowance and May
Be Punished for Defrauding Navy.

James Hall, the naval prisoner at the Portsmouth, N. H., Navy Yard, who confessed to the murder of Anna Schumacher at Rochester last August, attempted to play a joke on the officers of the Navy Department and the Rochester police. But his little plot was foiled.

His confession was faked and he will be sent back to Portsmouth to serve out the remainder of his sentence, and he may receive an additional sentence for his frivolity.

Hall had been in the prison at Portsmouth since last December, when he was sentenced to one year's imprisonment for fraudulent enlistment. Several weeks ago he began to tire of the monotonous life of the prison and concocted a scheme to regain his liberty.

He confessed to the murder of Anna Schumacher, who was killed in the Holy Sepulcher cemetery at Rochester last August. His alleged confession was reported to the Navy Department and the Rochester police were notified.

Sent to Rochester.

Extradition papers were prepared and the Navy Department granted authority to discharge him from custody and to turn him over to the Rochester police, who were to arrest him as soon as he was released from the naval prison. The arrangements were carried out, and he was turned over to detectives from Rochester.

The officers of the Navy Department believed that his confession was spurious, but they yielded to the request of the Rochester police, who wanted to place him on trial for murder. On the train en route from Portsmouth to Rochester he began to boast of having fooled the navy authorities. When he arrived at Rochester he repudiated the alleged confession, and gave the police information which proved a complete alibi.

Returns to the Brig.

While the Navy Department was not anxious to get him back, the officers of the department decided it would be subversive of discipline to allow Hall to escape his term of confinement by the ruse, and arrangements were at once made for his return. Attorney General Wickham was asked if it would be legal to take him back. Mr. Wickham decided that his discharge from the naval prison was obtained by a fraudulent confession, and was therefore void in the eyes of the law. In Mr. Wickham's opinion, he could legally be returned to prison to serve his original term.

Hall will be sent back to Portsmouth within the next several days at the expense of the Rochester police. His vacation will cost him his good behavior allowance of three months, which he would have obtained had not he endeavored to joke with the Navy Department. His term will not expire until next December.

In addition, he may have to serve additional time for his escape. The legal officers of the department are considering the proposition of trying him on the charge of attempting to defraud the navy, and punish him with a few additional months of imprisonment, to teach him due regard for the dignity of naval authority.

MORGAN IN 'PHONE DEAL.

Syndicate Getting Large Blocks of
Independent Lines' Stock.

Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—Statements made here to-day by interested parties and confirmed in Cincinnati by George B. Cox, indicate that the syndicate of which J. Pierpont Morgan is the head, is securing large interests in independent telephone companies in Kentucky, and it is believed the time is not far off when the independent companies in Kentucky, Ohio, and Indiana will be merged.

It is learned that John M. Lassing, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, has secured an interest in the Home Telephone Company, here, and has large blocks of stock, if not a controlling interest, in the Louisville Home Telephone Company, and that he is acting for George B. Cox, of Cincinnati. Mr. Cox is known to represent the Morgan syndicate.

Postpones Action on Fiske.

New York, Feb. 9.—The governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange was to have acted at its regular meeting to-day on the failure of the stock exchange house of J. M. Fiske & Co., which went down as a result of the collapse of the pool in Columbus and Hocking Coal and Iron, but action was postponed till the next regular meeting.

WHERE IS DR. COOK?



VARDAMAN STILL LOSING.

Percy Has 51 Votes, While Former
Governor Has 72.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 9.—That the long-drawn-out contest for the United States Senatorial toga made vacant by the death of the late Senator McLaurin is nearing an end was indicated to-night, when three ballots were taken, which practically eliminated all but Vardaman, Percy, and Kyle from the race. The last ballot showed Vardaman losing ground with 72 votes to Percy's increased vote of 51.

Kyle had 24, and it is said he may withdraw at any moment in favor of Percy. Eighty-eight votes are necessary to a choice. Alexander, Anderson, and Street to-night polled a total of 10 votes.

NEW SPANISH MINISTRY.

Senor Canalejas Has Cabinet of All
Shades of Liberalism.

Madrid, Feb. 9.—Senor Canalejas, formerly a member of the cabinet and leader of the Democratic group in the Cortes, has formed a ministry in which all shades of liberalism are represented.

The best known members of the new cabinet are Garcia Prieto, minister of foreign affairs, and Senor Romanones, minister of public instruction. King Alfonso has given Senor Canalejas a decree for the dissolution of the Cortes.

PRINCE ALBERT III.

Naval College Closed Because of an
Epidemic.

London, Feb. 9.—The Naval College at Osborne, Isle of Wight, where the sons of the Prince of Wales are cadets, has been closed in consequence of an epidemic of influenza and pneumonia. About 30 of the cadets, including Prince Albert of Wales, are too ill to be removed. The others have been sent to their homes.

BUYS BIG PAPER MILL.

Playing Card Trust Will Manufacture
Its Own Supply.

Cincinnati, Feb. 9.—Samuel J. Murray, of New York, who heads the United States Printing and the United States Playing Card companies, and several other officials of these two concerns, have just purchased the mill of the White Mountain Paper Company at Freemans Point, Portsmouth, N. H. They are said to have paid approximately \$15,000,000 for this property, and will manufacture there the paper used in their plants.

It will have an output of 150 tons of paper a day, and a weekly pay roll of \$3,000. Other members in this syndicate are Albert Kleybolte, W. F. Koester, of Cincinnati; R. H. McCutcheon, and George F. Hardy, of New York City, and Col. William Martin, of Middletown, Ohio.

WANTS HOLLAND FORTIFIED.

Germany Hinted at as Nation that
Made the Demand.

The Hague, Feb. 9.—During a debate in the first chamber of the States general to-day, Baron von Heeckeren asked the minister of foreign affairs if he intended to take steps to guarantee the integrity of the Netherlands in regard to Germany and Great Britain. He explained that he asked the question because of a certain incident which took place some years ago.

The government pressed the baron to be more explicit. He then stated that a neighboring sovereign had intimated a few years ago that he would be obliged to have Dutch territory occupied if Holland did not place herself in a state of defense against Great Britain.

The minister of foreign affairs said that he was not in a position to refute this assertion until Baron von Heeckeren explained exactly what he meant by a "neighboring sovereign," and "intimated," that he conjured the baron, in the interests of the country, to be more clear and more precise. The baron declined to reply or to go into details, and the debate was thereupon closed.

Midnight Sleeping Car from Wash-
ington to Pittsburgh via Baltimore
and Ohio Railroad.

The midnight sleeping car from Washington to Pittsburgh on the "Pittsburgh Limited," leaving Washington, Union Station, 12:30 midnight, arriving Pittsburgh 8:30 next morning, now makes it possible to spend the entire evening at the Capital without hurry and take sleeper in Union Station at any time desired after 10 o'clock. Breakfast is served on the dining car next morning. This service is not only immensely desirable to Washington patrons, but also to those arriving on evening trains.

NO MERRY WIDOW HATS
IF FREAK BILL IS PASSEDMaryland Solon Says Ten Inches in Diameter Is Enough
for the Headgear.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—The deathknell of the wide umbrella hats of women is sounded if a bill now in possession of Delegate Wittig, of Allegany County, of the general assembly at Annapolis, becomes a law. It limits the diameter of women's headgear to ten inches, and imposes severe penalties for violation of the law. Mr. Wittig received the bill from David A. Robb, State's attorney of Allegany County, who, in an accompanying note, says:

"I inclose the bill to stop women wearing big hats. I am going to draw one up later to prevent them from having big feet, that might help some."

The following is the text of the anti-wide hat bill:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be added to article 27 of the code of

GETS THREE YEARS.

Head of "Holy Ghosts" Jailed in
Baltimore.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—"Bring out the holy ghost," said Justice Grannan in Central Police Court this morning, and Jonas Samuel Sturdevant, negro bishop of the "Holy Church of the Living God, the Pillar and Ground of Truth," was led to the rail like any other prisoner. After a scathing arraignment from the bench, he was taken away ten minutes later to begin serving a sentence of three years in jail.

The negro was charged with assaulting and beating Mrs. Rose Demmer, a white woman, but behind the charge was a story of his influence over other white women and a mass of revolting evidence of his relations with them. He is said to have ruined the lives of several of his victims.

"Sturdevant, I have tried to bring the women here, but they won't come," said Justice Grannan. "I have given you case careful consideration, and you have had a fair trial. As for your religious teachings, I do not think there is anything to place you in a menace to society and a disgrace to true religion—a discredit to your race and color. You went to New York with your mind full of this fanaticism and made a few poor white women follow you. You worked on their weak minds and beat them until the blood flowed."

"You admitted that you did that, and your mode of living is cruel in the extreme. You are nothing more than a common Virginia cornfield negro. There is no religion in you at all, and I am going to place you in a menace to society upon your mode of life, and my decision is that you shall be sentenced to the Baltimore City jail for three years."

The fallen church pillar was led away without comment. In his cell, when he was finally moved to utterance, he said: "It is all wrong; nobody understands me." The negro was formerly a public school-teacher. Discharged for incompetency, he started his religious sect, appealing only to white women.

BARON'S RINGS RECOVERED.

New York, Feb. 9.—Baron H. von Baltheder-Seldenberg, who is a guest at the Plaza, came miffily near losing two black diamond rings that he says have been in his family for about 500 years.

The rings were stolen from his valet, Alfred Gardner, last Saturday night, and returned to-night after a reward of \$100 had been offered for them.

Walter Huelsback, a bartender, is under arrest, charged with the theft of the rings, and Rex Lyons, an ironworker, also is locked up.

The rings are valued at \$3,400. The baron arrived here last Friday, and brought the rings as a present to a young woman who lives on Madison avenue, to whom he is said to be engaged.

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GEN. SETH NOT DEAD.

Maryland Legislature Adjourned in
Respect to Memory.

Annapolis, Feb. 9.—Gen. Joseph B. Seth, of Easton, Md., was surprised and somewhat startled this afternoon when he read a newspaper that the Maryland legislature had adjourned for the day out of respect of his memory.

He called up Annapolis by 'phone and found that his death had been reported there, and that on a motion made by Dr. Charles H. Rose the house of delegates had gravely ceased their deliberations and gone home sorrowing. Further investigations brought to light the fact that Gen. Seth's demise had been reported to Dr. Rose by William F. Jump, of Talbot County, who could not be located.

As a matter of fact, Gen. Seth had been ill for several days, attended by a physician, but at the time the tribute was being paid him in Annapolis he had sufficient recovered to be dictating business letters at his home in Easton.

EMPLOYEES TO GET AX

System Proposed for Curtail-
ing Force in Treasury.

ACTION SOUNDS LIKE REFORM

Assistant Secretary Norton Active in
Introducing Up-to-date Business
Methods in Department—Scheme
May Mean Definite Vacations for
100 Clerks After July 1.

If the proposed system for minimizing the work in the Treasury Department is adopted, 100 employees will be given an indefinite vacation after July 1.

Assistant Secretary Norton, who has been active in introducing up-to-date business methods in the department, has invaded the treasurer's office and has whispered something into United States Treasurer McClung's ears that sounded like reform. It is alleged. It is said the treasurer has been busily engaged in working out a scheme whereby he can keep accurate account of Uncle Sam's finance.

"Red Tape" to Go.

Just what the details of his plan are, has not been disclosed, but it is learned that many of the accounts will be done away with, and "red tape" generally dispensed with. As a starter, he estimates he can do away with the service of about 100 employees.

Notwithstanding the fact that this curtailment will take place in the treasurer's office, it is not expected that many of his employees will get the "ax," but it will be wielded in other divisions.

Hold Permanent Appointments.

All of the employees in the treasurer's office hold permanent appointments. Messrs. Norton and McClung propose to take care of as many of the clerks as possible.

In the national bank note redemption division there are sixty places filled with temporary appointments. It is planned to discontinue service in these positions and place a like number of the permanent clerks from McClung's office in T. E. Roger's division.

TRAINMEN VOTE TO STRIKE.

Four Thousand Switchmen Will Be
Affected by Walkout.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—By a vote of 3,067 to 91, switchmen, members of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen employed on eighteen railroads in Chicago, voted to-day to go on strike. The canvass of the vote, which has been taken during the last week, was completed to-day by F. A. Whitney, vice president of the union.

Four thousand switchmen will be affected by the strike. The one thing that will prevent a tie-up, labor officials declare, is the fact that the railroads concede to the demand of 5 cents an hour increase in wages. The men indicated by the vote cast, their leaders say, that they were against settlement by arbitration.

INDICTED FOR GAMBLING.

Sweeping Grand Jury Report Is Filed
at Covington.

Cincinnati, Feb. 9.—Corporations, gamblers, and alleged gamblers, big and little, police officers and former city and county officials were indicted to-day in the most sweeping grand jury report ever filed in Covington, Ky.

Among those indicted is the Cincinnati Times-Star Company on a charge of suffering gaming in the shape of card and craps games in a part of the premises occupied by the newspaper at Fourth and Scott streets, Covington.

Latoria race track, on the charge of having races without licenses from the State racing commission.

South Covington and Cincinnati Street Railway Company, on the charge of maintaining a public nuisance by overcrowding its cars.

Chesapeake and Ohio and Louisville and Nashville railroads on a charge of blocking streets in Covington.

MORE MEN JOIN STRIKE.

Construction Work on \$1,000,000
Blast Furnace Tied Up.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 9.—Eight hundred more men to-day joined the strike of the Bethlehem Steel Company employees, of this number 200 are riggers of the new \$1,000,000 blast furnaces which C. M. Schwab is erecting, and the striking ties up all construction work. The riggers get 12-1-2 cents an hour, and ask 20 cents. The union scale is 45 cents.

A riot was precipitated this morning when 500 Hungarians intimidated 1,500 of their fellow-workmen, who were going to work, but trouble was averted by the timely arrival of police reserves. The strikers to-day wired Samuel Gompers to come and take charge of the strike.

Asquith to See King.

London, Feb. 9.—It is stated that at the conclusion of to-morrow's cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Asquith will go to Brighton for an audience with the King. It is believed that John Redmond, the Irish leader, has been assured that the licensing clauses of the budget which affected Ireland, will be modified in the new finance bill.

KILLED IN POLITICAL RIOT.

Municipal President and Six Others
Slain in Mexico.

Oaxaca, Mexico, Feb. 9.—In a political riot in the town of Potapa, on the isthmus of Tehuantepec, the municipal president and six other persons were killed, according to dispatches received by the military authorities here. A detachment of the Twenty-fifth battalion was sent to the town to quell the rioting. More than seventy-five persons have been arrested, charged with participating in the battle.

SCENE OF TRIPLE CRIME.

Victims of Murder and Suicide
Found in Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—At 9:30 o'clock this morning three bodies were found in a boarded-up and abandoned house at 1615 Riverhead avenue.

Two bodies were identified as those of Theodore Janowsky and his wife, but the third is unidentified. Janowsky and his wife have been missing for several days, and to-day neighbors reported that fact to the police and an investigation resulted. In the finding of the bodies the police say that a double murder and suicide have been committed.

Choice Blooms at Blackstone's; prices always reasonable. 34th and H.

PINCHOT DEFENDS
STUDENT RANGERSAccuses Solicitor McCabe of
Misrepresentation.

LAW WAS NOT VIOLATED

Denies Money for Education
Was Illegally Spent.

Former Forester and Present Head
of National Conservation Association
Addresses Arts Club, New
York, and Makes Bitter Attack on
His Temporary Successor—Calls Ef-
forts a Prostituting of the Law.

New York, Feb. 9.—Gifford Pinchot, president of the National Conservation Association, speaking at a dinner given in his honor by the National Arts Club to-night, bitterly attacked Solicitor McCabe, of the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Mr. McCabe is the man who was temporarily put in charge of the Forest Service after Mr. Pinchot was dismissed by President Taft.

Mr. Pinchot accused the solicitor of misrepresentation and of "prostituting the law." The Pinchot attack is based on the action taken by McCabe in refusing to continue making payments for the education of forest rangers at some of the State universities.

President Pinchot's complaint against the solicitor found a ready sympathy among the diners. They applauded him again and again.

Mr. Pinchot said, in part:

"About the middle of January the papers contained stories of how the Forest Service was paying the expenses of students at various colleges and how this alleged illegal expenditure had been discovered and stopped.